

Northern Nevada Legal Aid

Senior Advisory Board

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About Northern Nevada Legal Aid

Northern Nevada Legal Aid (NNLA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit legal aid organization founded in 1965.

- Northern Nevada Legal Aid was formally known as Washoe Legal Services (WLS). As the region grew and the need for low- or no-cost legal aid expanded beyond Washoe County, it became clear it was time for a name change. The name change will help expand regional awareness of and access to services.
- NNLA offers free and low-cost services in civil cases to individuals and families who cannot afford to hire an attorney.
- Since its inception, NNLA has assisted thousands of Northern Nevada residents in a variety of areas.
- In 2021, NNLA assisted in over 8,820 legal matters in Northern Nevada.
- NNLA has two main office locations: 299 S. Arlington Ave in downtown Reno and a Senior Legal Center (SLC) at the Washoe County Senior Center.

About the Senior Legal Center

- The Senior Law Center (SLC) is a partnership between the Washoe County Human Services Agency, the Nevada Department of Health & Human Services Aging and Disability Services Division, and Northern Nevada Legal Aid.
- At the SLC, we provide NO COST quality legal services to seniors aged 60 years and older, regardless of income, in Northwestern Nevada (Washoe, Lyon, Douglas, and Storey Counties, and Carson City).
- Assistance may include brief or limited services, as well as full legal representation, depending on the legal issues involved. The SLC also makes referrals to other resources, where appropriate.
- The SLC serves approximately 1,000 clients per year.

About the Senior Legal Center, cntd.

- ✓ SLC business hours are Monday through Friday
 - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- ✓ Located at 1155 East 9th Street, Reno, Nevada 89512 (in the Washoe County complex off Wells Ave and I-80)
- ✓ Call 775-332-0606 to schedule an appointment and for general information
- ✓ Website www.nnlegalaid.org
- ✓ Appointments are conducted via phone and in person
- ✓ Appointments generally booked within a week or two of intake

SLC Primary Areas of Law

- ▶ Housing Issues (eviction, habitability, fair housing violations, loss of subsidized housing, foreclosure, illegal lockouts, security deposits, etc)
- ▶ Consumer Issues (scams, fraud, debt collection, merchant disputes, Deceptive Trade Practices, contract disputes, overcharging, etc)
- ▶ Income and public benefits (social security, unemployment, Medicaid, Medicare, etc)
- ▶ Simple estate planning (administration and probate of small estates, powers of attorney, advanced directives, information on holographic wills, deeds)
- ▶ Elder abuse & exploitation and age discrimination
- ▶ Immigration (out of the main office at 299 S. Arlington)

Pro Bono Referrals

The Senior Law Center does not assist clients with family law, intellectual property law, criminal law or medical malpractice issues.

However, Northern Nevada Legal Aid has an active pro bono program where local attorneys volunteer their time to assist clients on a no-cost basis.

If the Senior Law Center attorney cannot assist you, it is possible a local pro bono attorney can.

Other NNLA Programs

- ❖ Self Help
- ❖ Adult Guardianship
- ❖ Child Advocacy
- ❖ Victim Advocacy
- ❖ Consumer & Housing, including Medical Legal Partnership with Northern Nevada HOPES

For more information about NNLA or
the SLC, please contact us at 775-
332-0606 (SLC) or 775-329-2727
(Main Office)

Any Questions?